

In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following:

A 300 ml three-neck flask equipped with a stirrer, Dimroth condenser and thermometer was charged with 6.7 g (0.07 mole) of 95% sulfuric acid and 115 g of water, and with stirring at 25 to 30°C, 0.5 g of di-p-toluoyl-D-tartaric acid was added. The mixture was stirred till it became a smooth slurry, when 0.5 g of said diastereomer salt was added, and the mixture was stirred for 10 minutes. It was confirmed that the di-p-toluoyl-D-tartaric acid precipitated due to salt exchange was crystallized, and the remaining 20.820.3 g of the diastereomer salt was added little by little, taking 1 hour. The mixture was stirred for further 2 hours, to precipitate crystals which were collected by filtration and dried to obtain 17.6 g of d-p-toluoyl-D-tartaric acid. The recovery rate was 98.0%, and the optical purity was 99.5% ee. In neither the optical resolution step nor the salt dissociation step, any racemization occurred concurrently. In HPLC, no impurity peak was detected.